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Westland officials are already making plans for one of the most anticipated and popular events in the community.

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Northville school board chooses new trustee

Dr. Kimberly Campbell-Voytal has been named to fill the open seat on the Northville Community Schools Board of Education.

Current board members voted unanimously to name Campbell-Voytal to the seat following a final round of interviews with three finalists on May 25. The term became vacant with the recent resignation of Suzanne Lynn.

Each of the six trustees commented on the caliber of the candidates under consideration.

"All three candidates knocked it out of the park qualification wise. The professionalism they brought to the process, responding to questions, and being in the public spotlight, I think you all did fantastic," stated Trustee Lindsey Wilson. "Thank you to the folks that volunteered to step forward in public service. It really says a lot about your character. It's invigorating to see that folks are still interested in stepping forward in this kind of role and you're to be commended for that."

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Board president Sarah Prescott stated, "I'll just echo what my colleagues have pointed out saying that your obvious credentials, your obvious capabilities of serving and your commitment. It's so pivotal to me that we get somebody on this board that people can really work with. It will be the last thing I do on this board to continue to have a board that has the class and the integrity and the humility to come together in the ways I've seen this board come together in the last couple of months."

Campbell-Voytal has signed the School Board Member Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office, and took her seat on Tuesday, May 31. She will serve through Dec. 31, 2022, when Lynn's term was set to conclude.

"We have an outstanding board of education that has helped our district be among the best in the state. I am pleased and excited to have the opportunity to learn from them and to work to serve Northville kids, families, and community with honor," stated Campbell-Voytal.

There will be three board of education seats up for election in the next regular school board election in November, 2022 for four-year terms running from January, 2023 through December, 2026.

Fitting tribute
Canton veterans' clinic may be named for first Black War College graduate

Congresswomen Haley Stevens and Debbie Dingell have introduced legislation to rename the new veterans outpatient clinic in Canton Township after Major General Oliver W. Dillard, the first black officer to graduate from the National War College.

Mr. Dillard, a resident of Canton Township, began his career of service in 1945 when he was first drafted during World War II. He was selected to serve as company clerk and began to work his way through the ranks. In 1965, Mr. Dillard graduated from the National War College, becoming the first black officer to do so. Throughout Mr. Dillard's distinguished service career, he held various esteemed positions and received nine military awards and two civilian medals, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge with Star, according to official army documents.

Mr. Dillard retired in 1980 from military service as a major general after 34 years of service and remained a Canton resident until his death.

Stevens and Dingell toured the $9 million, 44,000 square foot clinic on Lotz Road last week alongside Major General Dillard's family members.

"Major General Dillard was an extraordinary American who led an admirable life of service. There are so many reasons to celebrate Mr. Dillard, from the glass ceilings he shattered to the way he courageously served his country for 34 years," said Stevens (MI-11). "It was an honor to tour what will be named the 'Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Outpatient Clinic' alongside the family that he did an incredible job of raising, and I am thrilled that soon, Michiganders everywhere will know Major General Oliver W. Dillard's name and legacy."

Dingell was also impressed with the facility and with Mr. Dillard's career of service.

The new facility is expected to provide medical services to 12,000 veterans annually, a spokesman noted and is an outreach effort of the Ann Arbor VA Health Care System. Services will include primary care, women's health services, metal heath care, radiology, pain treatment, physical therapy, prosthetics, ultrasound along with laboratory testing and pathology services.

Major General Oliver Dillard

"Major General Oliver W. Dillard was a trailblazer who dedicated his life to serving our country," said Dingell (MI-12).

"It was an honor to join the Dillard family to tour the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Canton, which will bring much needed care for veterans closer to where they live with the goal of serving patients from both Ann Arbor and Detroit's VA facilities. We were asked by veterans across Southeast Michigan to name the Canton clinic in honor of Major General Dillard, and I'm proud to support Congresswoman Stevens in making this wish a reality. Naming the Canton clinic after Major General Dillard means his story and life will continue to inspire for generations to come. We will work with the entire Michigan delegation to try to get this done in time for

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School custodial service fired following senior 'prank'

A group of graduating Romulus High School seniors are facing some disciplinary actions after they took their "senior prank" too far.

School officials said that at about 9:30 p.m. on May 25 a group of high school students entered the high school and did significant damage to several classrooms. The students were allowed into the school by custodians, according to the social media account, which describes the custodians as "complicit with the plan."

According to district officials, "School security cameras clearly show one of the custodians letting the students into the building, custodial staff interacting with the students and custodians meeting as a group before they exited the building." The vandalism has been referred to the Romulus police for investigation, officials said, and the contract custodial staff have been fired, according to the Facebook post.

" A 'prank,' by definition, is a joke or trick. What was done to several rooms at Romulus High School was simply destruction. I am disappointed by the conduct of our senior students and outraged that grownups we trust with our building security knowingly helped them gain access to the building.

"We are working with Romulus Police Department on our response to this event. The students involved have been disinvited from the senior prom toast but will be allowed to attend the graduation ceremony.

"While this would have been actionable conduct at any time, the timing with respect to other school violence and security incidents around the country makes this 'prank' particularly

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Inkster

Inkster man facing murder charge in stabbing death

An Inkster man is facing first-degree murder charges in the stabbing death of a man and the victim's dog.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Jason Edward Barnes, 47, of Inkster, in connection with the fatal stabbing of Carles Randall Tye, 60, also of Inkster.

According to the prosecutor, Inkster police officers were dispatched at about 9:17 p.m. May 14 to a residence in the 30050 block of Annapolis Circle in response to a reported stabbing. Upon their arrival, officers located the victim in the kitchen with a kitchen knife in his upper left abdomen. Medics arrived on scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

> *Barnes was charged May 28 with one count of premeditated first-degree murder*

In court charges, it is alleged that Barnes stabbed the victim, fatally injuring him. It is also alleged that the defendant stabbed the victim's dog before fleeing the scene. Investigation by the Inkster Police Department led to the arrest of the defendant on May 15. The warrant request was submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in late May.

Barnes was charged May 28 with one count of premeditated first-degree murder. He was arraigned June 1 in 22nd District Court and remanded to jail where he remains incarcerated, according to official reports.

County jail millage to be on August primary ballot

Wayne County Commissioners have approved placing a millage renewal request for county jail operations on the Aug. 2 primary ballot.

Voters will be asked to renew .9358 mills for 10 years, expiring at the end of 2031. The millage rate is based on the current rate, which was rolled back in 2021. If approved by voters, the millage is expected to generate about $45 million annually for jail operations, with a minimum one-tenth of the millage to be set aside for a new juvenile offender work and training institution.

The millage translates to roughly $70 a year for those living in homes valued at $150,000, according to county officials.

"These funds are especially needed to help in the operation of our jails and sheriff's department," said Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell (D-Detroit). "This is a renewal, not a new millage."

The millage funds will be used to finance operations at the county new jail, at I-75 and Warren on the east side of Detroit. The new jail is expected to be completed by the end of this year and begin accepting inmates in 2023.

The millage language on the ballot as Proposition J JAIL MILLAGE RENEWAL will be "To renew the millage authorized in 2012, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2021 rollback rate of .9358 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2022 through 2031) for any of the following previously authorized uses: To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanant, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate approximately $45,074,507 in property tax revenue in 2022."

Voters will be asked to vote yes or no on the question.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 2, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Carol Maise - City Planner; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Stephen Dudek - Technology Services Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #22-113** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-114** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Sessions held on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Romulus Public Participation Plan as part of the Redevelopment Ready Process; and at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the new legislative maps and its impact to voters. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner** - NONE
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Res. #22-115 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a resolution in recognition of the 95th anniversary of First Baptist Church of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Councilperson Talley read the winning letters of the "Why I Love the City of Romulus" Contest and presented a gift basket to one of the contest winners.
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   The Mayor read and presented a proclamation to the Romulus High Schools Boys Varsity Basketball Team for winning the district championship.
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Michigan homeowner Assistance Fund Michigan State Housing Development Authority Provider Participation Agreement to become one of the communities within Wayne County. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   Res. #22-117 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a resolution in recognition of Carole Bales as the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce 2022 Person of the Year. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - A. **Res. #22-118** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the introduction and first reading of TA-2022-001; a proposed text amendment to Section 4.01, Statement of Purpose; Section 6.03, Requirements Applicable to Specific Uses; Section 11.01, Residential; Sections 24.05, 24.14, 24.14a, 24.19, and 24.20, Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-119** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to change the purpose of the May 9, 2022 Study Session, approved on April 11, 2022, to be a presentation regarding the Redevelopment Ready Community Boards & Commissions Component Orientation and Training Strategy. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #22-120** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Study Session Request for May 23, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. to provide a short presentation regarding the Brownfield Plan Proposal. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #22-121** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 21/22-12 in the amount of $100,000.00 to fund unforeseen expenditures in fuel and repair accounts. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
   A written/emailed public comment was read into the record.
   A member of the public addressed the City Council.
9. **Unfinished Business** - NONE
10. **New Business** - NONE
11. **Communication** - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 2, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 25, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
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1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #22-094** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-095** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for the City of Romulus 2022/23 FY Preliminary Budget presentation. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner** - NONE
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   By the consent of Chairman Barden, Jan Lemmons addressed the residents regarding enforcement of the Cemetery Rules & Regulations and removal of prohibited items in the Romulus Cemetery. Chairman Barden announced upcoming City events.
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #22-096** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the 2021 Justice Assistant Grant funding program award to the City of Romulus and accept monies from Wayne in the amount of $14,494.32. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-097** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for James Young, resident little league coach, to use the St. John's Baseball/Softball Fields on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through June 13, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #22-098** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all Pumpkin Festival and Parade of Lights activities during the Pumpkin Festival weekend of September 16-September 18, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #22-099 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road beginning at Grover Street, ending at 5 Points beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, re-opening at 10:00 p.m. Friday, September 16, 2022, for the Rotary Parade of Lights. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #22-100 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road beginning at Moore Street ending at the railroad tracks beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2022, re-opening at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 17, 2022, for the Pumpkin Festival Car Show. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #22-101 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, and ending on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. This closure will be for the food vendors and the Unity Celebration. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #22-102 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road between Shook and Romaine Streets beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2022 and ending at 6:00 p.m. This closure will be for the Vendor Show and the Family Fun Zone. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #22-103** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize no-fee permits for use of the Historical Park and pavilion along with the closure of Hunt Street Between Goddard and Bibbins Street beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2022, and ending at 11:00 p.m. that evening for the inaugural Rumble in Romulus in Romulus "Bike Night" event. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - E. **Res. #22-104** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Suzy Francoeur to the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Board with terms to expire on November 30, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - F. **Res. #22-105** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize the DPW to dispose of the listed vehicles through Martin Towing, with a disposal fee of $50.00 per vehicle with all other proceeds deposited into the appropriate City fund. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - G. **Res. #22-106** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the construction inspection MDOT tri-party agreement with ROWE Engineering for Beverly Road Phase III (Merriman Road East 1500 Feet) project. The agreement proposal outlines a construction service plan with a cost of $198,001.03 with 80% of the cost to be paid by the State of Michigan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - H. **Res. #22-107** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a professional engineering services agreement with OHM to conduct construction services related to the Homefield Water Main Project in the amount of $55,500.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - I. **Res. #22-108** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 21/22-15 to the lowest, most responsive, responsible bidder, Bidigare Contractors, Inc. for the replacement of the existing water main on Homefield Street for the City of Romulus, Department of Public Works in the amount of $386,027.00 with a 10% contingency, in the amount of $38,602.70 to cover the costs of any unforeseen construction-related charges. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - J. **Res. #22-109** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 21/22-12 to fund unforeseen expenditures in fuel and repair accounts.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT FUND	AMENDMENT BUDGET	AMENDED BALANCE
661 Motor Vehicle				
Fund Balance				
661-000-395.000	Retained Earnings	$1,543,496.00	($100,000)	$1,443,496.00
Expenses				
661-258-870.000	Gas & Oil	$215,00.00	$90,000.00	$305,000.00
661-258-933.100	Equip. Maint. Outsource	$85,000.00	$10,000.00	$95,000.00 $400,000.00

   Motion Carried Unanimously
   - K. **Res. #22-110** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Lease Agreement with Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency, for the lease of 10,000 sq. ft. of space located at 11131 S. Wayne Road, on the western portion of the former 34th District Court building from May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #22-111** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 21/22-11 in the amount of $219,035.00 to close out Beverly Road Special Assessment District fund debts. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
   A member of the public addressed City Council and the Administration.
9. **Unfinished Business** - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
10. **New Business**
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #22-112** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Approval of Warrant #:22-8 for checks presented in the amount of $1,442,943.34. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication** - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 25, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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NORTHVILLE

Township police sponsor 'Partner Up' program

> *When you have 20 percent more people watching out for each other, criminals don't have a chance.*

Northville Township Police Department officials are asking all residents to join together to reduce crime, promote problem solving and create safer neighborhoods.

The department is launching Partners in Your Safety, a new program to empower residents to make Northville Township an even safer community. The initial meeting is set for 6 p.m. Monday, June 13 at township hall in the Assembly Room. The meeting is open to the public.

Partners in Your Safety is an educational program which involves individuals and entire neighborhoods completing a series of program requirements to achieve accreditation status like that which law enforcement agencies undergo. Accreditation ensures officers are performing best practices while serving the community.

It also empowers residents to be the extra set of eyes and ears for law enforcement as they can more easily recognize crimes and report them earlier, officials said.

"This is a great opportunity to bring the entire community together to serve the common good," said Police Chief Scott Hilden, who founded Partners in Your Safety.

There are three phases of the program. In the first phase, a neighborhood hosts a meeting to outline the program and establish goals for residents to achieve. The goal is as simple as meeting two unknown neighbors, with the idea of promoting an atmosphere where neighbors know and care about one another.

In the second phase, residents attend quarterly Partners in Your Safety meetings, where they meet with Northville Township police officers to learn about crime trends, safety tips and any potential issues that are unique to that neighborhood (i.e. several catalytic converter thefts from vehicles). This opens a dialog with law enforcement, officials said. Another component of this phase is attendance at crime prevention seminars at least twice a year.

The third phase involves posting a Partners in Your Safety sign provided by Northville Township Police at entrances of the neighborhood. This sends a message to potential criminals that this tight-knit community is keeping an eye on one another to prevent crime. Businesses and homes also may display Partners in your Safety sticker decals to send a similar message. The most active participants will earn awards.

"Working together in a partnership with our residents is the ultimate way to keep the community as safe as we can," said Hilden.

Hilden created similar programs for the Canton Township Police Department and Washtenaw Community College, both of which are successful, he said.

"I have story after story of how an alert citizen helped stop a crime from happening because of their participation in their community's crime prevention partnership," Hildon said.

The involvement of individuals residing in each neighborhood is vital to the success of this program, he added.

"This is all about community engagement," Hilden said. "As residents become more involved, they will become aware of incidents and issues occurring in their neighborhoods. When you have 20 percent more people watching out for each other, criminals don't have a chance."

Police Chief Scott Hilden

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Partners in Your Safety or for more information, can contact:Northville Township Police Department, Community Service Ofc. Andrew Domzalski Email: adomzalski@twp.northville.mi.us or phone: (248) 349-9400.

Northville wins state environmental progress award

> *This achievement nods to the advancement in energy efficiency, recycling and a commitment to sustainability of the township.*

Northville Township was recently awarded a silver designation from the 2021 Michigan Green Communities Challenge (MGC).

This achievement nods to the advancement in energy efficiency, recycling and a commitment to sustainability of the township, officials said.

"We have incorporated sustainability into the capital improvement process (CIP), installed LED lighting throughout all township facilities and are introducing weekly recycling after negotiating our rubbish collection contract," said Northville Township Facilities Manager Brandon McCullough, who spearheaded the community sustainability efforts.

Overall, 44 participating local governments were awarded gold, silver, or bronze seals of achievement reflecting community leadership in areas such as energy efficiency, climate adaptation and resilience, recycling, environmental justice, and more. Ten communities received bronze certification, 12 received silver certification, and 22 received gold certification.

The township was previously awarded a bronze designation in 2019, so there has been progress, officials noted, despite the program being paused because of the pandemic.

"We want our residents to know that the LED lighting, for instance, was made possible by our partners at DTE Energy, who provided grant funding for the project," said Township Treasurer Jason Rhines. "It will lower our electricity bill for years to come, so not only is it good for sustainability, but it is also saving our residents money."

The MGC program is open to all local governments in Michigan, at no cost. MGC is a sustainability networking, benchmarking, and technical assistance program. It guides and supports communities in adapting to a changing climate, protecting infrastructure, improving the quality of life for residents, and creating a more environmentally and economically sustainable future for the state of Michigan, according to the website.

Michigan Green Communities is supported by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; the Michigan Association of Counties; the Michigan Municipal League; and the Michigan Townships Association. More details about this program can be found at www.migreencommunities.com. Questions regarding the Michigan Green Communities program can be directed to info@migreencommunities.com.

For questions regarding the Northville Township sustainability and environmental efforts, reach out to McCullough at bmccullough@twp.northville.mi.us.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

The annual Consumer Confidence Report on the source and quality of your drinking water is available online at www.twp.northville.mi.us/waterqualityreport.
To have a copy mailed to you, contact the Northville Township Department of Public Works at (248) 348-5819 or email dpw@twp.northville.mi.us.

Roger Lundberg, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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Notice of Public Hearing
Charter Township of Canton
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Program Year (PY) 2022 Action Plan

The Charter Township of Canton is adopting its **Annual Action Plan** for **Program Year (PY) 2022 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023** for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds at $374,107

The Finance Department encourages all parties to participate in person at the Township's Administration Building or at a VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING on **Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. on the township website at www.canton-mi.org.** Otherwise all communications should be addressed in writing to the Financial Analyst, Canton Township- Finance Department, Mike Sheppard, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan, 48188.

Canton will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing funding request proposals and in the review of program activities and program performance. In addition, Canton will make adequate provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must contact Mike Sheppard at **(734) 394-5225**, e-mail mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org or in writing to the Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 **ATTN: Action Plan Public Hearing.** Requests for special accommodations must be made with reasonable advance notice.

Mike Sheppard
Financial Analyst
Finance Department

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Township recognizes Village Arts Factory

Canton Township has a new partner in the art world following the official recognition of The Village Arts Factory complex by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

The Partnership for the Arts & Humanities acquired the historic Henry Ford property in the township in 2012. The complex, consisting of three buildings, the Factory, The Warehouse and the Dorm, has been steadily renovated and transformed into inclusive spaces for resident artists and business owners. The complex has also become gallery space for historically underrepresented voices and perspectives and has played host to important holiday and cultural events, according to Ann Conklin, vice chairperson of the organization.

Conklin said the factory has provided a safe space for learning new skills and developing creative expression at any age or stage and has a retail outlet for a unique assortment of locally produced gifts and goods.

She added that the newly strengthened collaboration with the township will provide resources to the complex to increase events and services that will continue to support and foster the cultural arts community in the township.

Township Supervisor, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak agreed.

"We are pleased to be forging an alliance with the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities to support community events, arts programming and economic development in Canton.

"The opportunity to experience the arts and humanities, along with expanded programming, will benefit all Canton residents, including the underserved, disabled and at-risk-youth far into the future."

"The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is elated to have a deeper level of investment and dedication from the township to continue to build on the momentum that is already being cultivated there. Collaboration on this level will bring additional energy, creativity, and lifeforce to a pulse in the Village that grows stronger each day," Conklin said.

The Village Arts Factory houses multiple artisans in Canton.

Township Clerk, Michael Siegrist was also in support of the new collaboration.

"The Village Arts Factory is central to the township board's vision for the Cherry Hill Development Plan...We are committed to investing in our ongoing relationship with the partnership and support them in their efforts."

Currently at the complex are The Branded Barby; The Cherry Hill Potters Guild; Cookies and More LLC by Sheila; D & M Art Studio; Good Vision Studios; Flowing Script; Jump-A-Rama Movement & Fitness Center; Personal Pilates & Fitness; Privileged Cosmetics; Reigning Motion Dance Company; Science & Lyes; Schwartzy Photos; SmokeyCitrine and True 2 You.

More information about the artists and small business owners of the Village Arts Factory is available at www.villagearts factory.com or vaf@partnership-forarts.org.

Resident sentenced in power saw attack on wife

The Canton Township man accused of assaulting his wife with an electric table saw and physically abusing his 8-year-old daughter has been sentenced to 28 to 50 years in prison.

Oswald John Tallent, 47, was found guilty of assault to intent to murder, torture and assault with intent to do great bodily harm. Tallent was also convicted of third-degree child abuse in connection with an assault on his 8-year-old daughter.

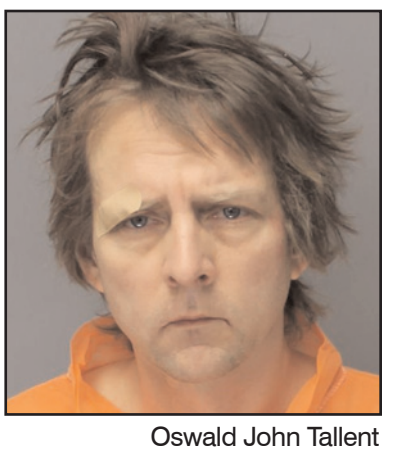
> *Tallent was sentenced to serve 28 to 50 years.*

According to court documents, Canton Township police were dispatched to the 7300 block of Stonebrook Drive at 1:14 p.m. March 30, 2020 in response to a domestic violence incident. Upon arrival, the officers discovered Tallent's wife in the driveway of the residence with lacerations to her face and body. The 8-year-old victim was also found to have a bump on her head and scrapes on her body. Prosecutors alleged the defendant caused the lacerations to his wife's face with a saw and that he slammed the 8-year-old onto the pavement before dragging her up the driveway by her hair during the altercation with his wife. Following emergency care at the scene by Canton EMTs, the victims were transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The couple's two other children, ages 6 and 4, were not harmed in the incident, according to police reports.

Tallent fled the scene on foot but was apprehended in a nearby field by police and arrested, prosecutors said. Tallent was arraigned on the charges on April 1, 2020 in 35th District Court.

Tallent was sentenced to serve 28 to 50 years for assault with intent to murder, 28 to 50 years for torture, 10 to 20 years for assault with intent to do great bodily harm, and two to four years for third-degree child abuse, to be served concurrently.


Oswald John Tallent

Clinic

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the official ribbon cutting ceremony later this year."

"The DAV Department of Michigan believes naming the Canton Outpatient Clinic in honor of Major General Dillard is a fitting tribute to his dedication to duty and selfless sacrifices over a lifetime of service to our country," said Paul Kaiser, adjutant, Disabled American Veterans Department of Michigan. "Major General Dillard is not only an inspiration to all of us who have served, but also to generations of future veterans that will answer our nation's call."

"Major General Oliver W. Dillard Senior's 34 years of exemplary service to our nation cannot be understated, and the renaming of this facility is a small step towards recognizing his incredible service to our nation," said Kevin A. Conklin, State Commander, and Derek Blumke, State Adjutant & Quartermaster, Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Michigan. "Through the renaming of this facility, our nation can begin to express its gratitude for all he represented, for his accomplishments during his service, and in breaking down barriers for African American service members."

Appointments are currently being accepted for veterans seeking medical services at the facility.

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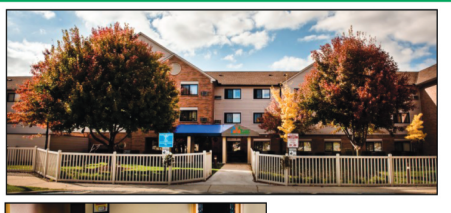
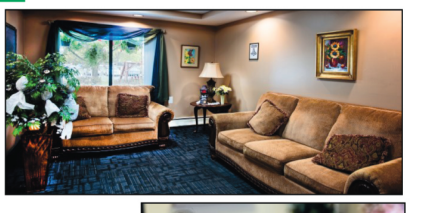

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59. Auctions

On Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 1PM, Frazier's Auto Service Towing located at 35830 Van Born Rd Wayne, MI 48184 will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned Vehicles.

The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998 GMC
1GKEL19W9WB515624
2007 PONTIAC
2G2WP552471202582
2005 CHEVY
1G1AL52FX57535225
2006 BMW
WBAVD13566KV14484
2004 HONDA
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2000 FORD
1FMRU1662YLA38901
2019 NISSAN
3N1AB7AP6KY367516
2005 CHRYSLER
2C86P54EX5R191336

The above vehicles are impounded through the cities of Romulus, Wayne, Taylor, Canton and Westland. All paperwork must be picked up within 48 hours.
All vehicle are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the time of the conclusion of the auction.

On Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 at 11: 30 am, Great Lakes Towing Impound and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, Mi, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2005 Chrysler
3C4FY58B85T535996
2014 KIA
KNALN4D74E5167255
2009 Mercury
4M2CU29359KJ25467
2007 BUICK
1G4HD57297U168696
2013 FORD
1FMCU9GX2DUC17049
2015 KIA
5XXGN4A79FG437313
2012 CHEVROLET
1G1PF5SC4C7233305
2016 VOLKSWAGEN
3VD27AJXGM289746

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Dearborn Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Dearborn Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

1999 CHEVORLET
3GNEC16R4XG149369

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Livonia Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Livonia Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2004 CHRYSLER
1C4GP45R54B564584
2011 CHEVORLET
1GNKREED5BJ385325
2008 JEEP
1J8GR48KX8C226020
2014 JEEP
1C4PJMDS2EW303896
2018 CHRYSLER
2C4RC1GG2JR310892

The above vehicles are impounded through the Redford Township Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Redford Township Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2004 TOYOTA
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The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Westland Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Westland Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

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Hometown heroes

Romulus officials including Mayor Robert McCraight and members of the city council honored six "Hometown Heroes" during ceremonies May 26 at Romulus High School. Each of the winners was nominated by a resident for their contributions to the community and chosen by a committee. Winners this year included Rosalie Berlin who was presented with the Outstanding Public Service Award from the city. Charles Stanhouse was honored with the Senior Good Neighbor Award while David Jones was named as the honoree in the adult category of the Good Neighbor Award. David Paszkowski was chosen as the Outstanding Veteran this year and the Outstanding Educator award was presented to Becky Montroy. Frank Escobedo was honored with the Outstanding Business Sector Award.

New district boundaries may confuse voters

Area voters will find themselves voting in different districts with the shift in state House and Senate boundaries.

Voters in the same city may see different candidates on the November ballot for state offices, depending on their location in the changing districts. While Wayne and Westland were in the same district for decades, that has now changed and the two cities have been reassigned into separate congressional districts. Westland has been divided into both the 25th and 26th district.

That 25th District also includes the City of Wayne along with a portion of Canton Township.

Incumbent Democrat Kevin Coleman has filed for reelection to the 25th State House of Representatives District. He is being challenged by first-time candidate Scott Barlow of Westland for the seat.

The remaining portion of the City of Westland, along with a part of Inkster, Garden City and Romulus now falls into District 26. Democrat Steven Chisholm of Inkster, Stephen Patterson, also of Inkster, Dylan Wegela of Garden City and Allen Wilson of Romulus all filed for election last week seeking the term in the newly drawn 26th District. They will be on the Aug. 2 primary ballot.

State Senate District 4 includes the City of Wayne, Romulus, Southgate, Belleville, Flat Rock and Trenton. Incumbent State Sen. Darrin Camilleri of Trenton has filed for the seat along with three Republicans, James Chapman of Belleville, Michael Frazier of Romulus and Beth Socia of Flat Rock. The three will face a primary election in August to determine which of them will face Camilleri.

The August primary ballot will also determine the Democratic candidate for State Senate District 5 which includes Livonia, Canton Township, Inkster and Garden City. Incumbent Sen Dayna Polehanki of Livonia is being challenged by fellow Democrat Velman Jean Overman on the primary ballot. Voters will choose from Republican candidates Emily Bauman of Westland, Jody Rice-White of Livonia and Leonard Scott, Jr. of Canton on the August ballot.

In Congress, Incumbent Rashida Tlaib of Detroit will face fellow Democrats Kelly Garrett of Lathrup Village and Janice Winfrey of Detroit for the District 12 congressional seat. Republicans on the primary ballot for the term in Washington include newcomers Steven Elliott of Rochester Hills, James Hooper of Livonia and Hassan Nehme of Dearborn Heights.

The City of Wayne falls into Congressional District 13 where multiple democratic candidates have filed for the national office. Seeking to move to the November ballot will be Detroit residents John Conyers III, State Sen. Adam Hollier, Portia Roberson, Lorrie Rutledge, Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, Michael Griffe, Angela McIntosh, Sharon McPhail and Rep. Shri Thaedar.

Only one Republican, Martell Bivings, also of Detroit, filed nominating petitions seeking the office.

Shielded

Members of the Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Association (WCRHA) recently donated a ballistic shield to the Romulus Police Department. The shield adds a factor of safety for officers engaged in a volatile situation such as an active shooter, officers said. Police Chief Robert Pfannes displays the new shield flanked by WCRHA board members, from left, Roy Neal, Paul Riddell from Armor Express and Jason Pearson.

Prank

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appalling," the unsigned and unattributed Facebook post continued.

"Senior pranks are regarded by many as a time-honored tradition. We encourage pranksters to recognize and understand there is a line. Do something clever, but legal. Malicious destruction of public property is not only a crime, it disrespects the very institution preparing to honor you with a high school diploma," the post concluded.

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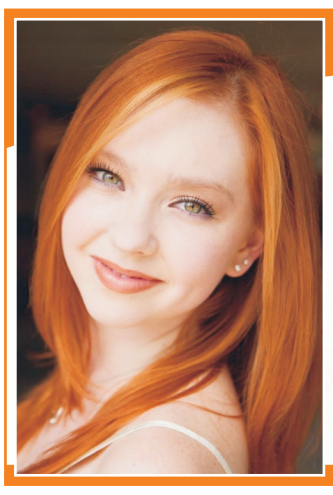
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In memoriam

Wayne honors fallen servicemen with Veteran's Memorial ceremony

Nearly 100 people gathered at the Wayne Veterans Memorial last week to memorialize the servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The keynote speaker was United States Navy veteran and City of Wayne Police Ofc., Joshua Priebe who reminded those in attendance about the importance of Memorial Day and spoke about what the day means to him both as a citizen and a veteran. Also participating in the event were: Mayor John Rhaesa, Councilman Phillip Wagner, Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong, Crossepoint Community Church Lead Pastor Bobby Kelly, Hill Crest Bible Church Pastor Seth McDonald, Wayne Memorial High School Director of Bands and Orchestra Michael Wolf, the Wayne Memorial High School Zebra Marching Band, Mayor Pro tem Tom Porter, Councilwoman Kelly Skiff, Councilman Alfred Brock, Councilman Kevin Dowd, Councilwoman Deb Wass, City Manager Lisa Nocerini, Community Development Director Lori Gouin, Assistant Director of the Wayne Department of Public Works Ed Queen, employees from the Wayne Department of Public Works, Wayne Fire Chief Mike Stradtner, and David Story who donated his time to record the event.

2 are reappointed to Westland zoning appeals board

The Westland City Council has announced the reappointment of Benny McGough and Mary Vellardita to the city zoning board of appeals.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is governed by a seven-member board that is appointed by members of the city council. Members serve three-year terms and must reside in the City of Westland.

McGough first expressed his desire to be a member of the ZBA in January 2010 and has since been reappointed each term. No stranger to serving the city, McGough also served for 10 years on the city planning commission. This term will expire May 2025.

Vellardita was first appointed to the ZBA in May 2014. She is currently employed with Wayne County Community College District. Vellardita spends her time volunteering across Westland. She is a current member of the Rotary Club of Westland. Her term will expire in June 2025.

"We are excited to reappoint both Benny McGough and Mary Vellardita to serve another three-year term on the zoning board of appeals. We look forward to supporting them and their continued work with the city," said Council President James Hart.

The zoning board of appeals may grant an appeal and modify the zoning ordinance based on practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in carrying out the regulations of the ordinance. Zoning board of appeals applications for variances are filed with the office of the city clerk.

Benny McGough

Mary Vellardita

Blues, Brews, & BBQ is set for Aug. 5, 6

Westland officials are already making plans for one of the most anticipated and popular events in the community.

Blues, Brews & Barbecue will return Aug. 5 and Aug. 6, officials said, with live music, fireworks and the drone light show. Top barbecue pitmasters have already signed on for the event, they said, and there will be several craft brews available at the event.

The event will take place at the Thomas H. Brown Central City Park, and will also feature Country Night on Friday with performances by Corey Dakota, Whiskey Fixx, and Levi Bootcut and The Straight Legs. Saturday night will feature the blues with Big Smooth and The Hellraisers, the Chris Canas Band and headliner, Queen of The Blues Thornetta Davis.

Jointly hosted by The City of Westland, the Westland Downtown Development Authority and the Westland Chamber of Commerce, sponsorship packages for the event are now available starting from $250. To sponsor Blues, Brews & Barbecue, contact the Westland Chamber at (734) 326-7222.

"Each year, Blues, Brews and Barbeque gets better than the year before and this year will be no different. From the music and food, to time spent with family, Blues, Brews and Barbecue is always a major event for not only for the All American City, but neighboring cities as well," said Mayor William R. Wild.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. **Res. #22-122** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Abstain - Abdo
Motion Carried

B. **Res. #22-123** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for public input on the proposed 2022/23 FY Budget as set forth in Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the City Charter.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Abstain - Abdo
Motion Carried

3.Petitioner - NONE

4.Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Motion Carried Unanimously

5.Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor

A. **Res. #22-124** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and adopt the Resolution to request the State of Michigan take appropriate action to resolve the City of Highland Park's debt issue to the Great Lakes Water Authority and leave the City of Romulus whole. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #22-125** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and adopt the City of Romulus Public Participation Plan, as part of the Redevelopment Ready Community best practice requirements of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). **Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy authorization for the City of Romulus and 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as submitted by Mayor McCraight. Councilmembers had discussions on separating approval of the 34th District Court's budget from the City's Budget. The Deputy Clerk presented protocol under Robert's Rules of Order as adopted by City Council on how to proceed forward.
Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for an amendment to the stated motion to separate Section 36 and the 34th District Court's budget from the General and Special Appropriation Act. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Williams Nays - Barden, Talley, Webb **Motion Carried**
Res. #22-126 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy authorization for the City of Romulus Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as submitted by Mayor McCraight.

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GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 and millage rates to support this budget.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COUNCIL	$	106,078
MAYOR		812,874
CLERK		744,198
FINANCIAL SERVICES		11,044,760
TREASURER		469,590
PUBLIC SAFETY		1,650,026
PUBLIC SERVICES		3,487,960
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		134,391
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL		573,581
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		19,023,458
REVENUES		
PROPERTY TAXES		9,417,550
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		221,000
FEDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES		-
STATE GRANTS & REVENUES		4,429,430
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		588,760
FINES & FORFEITS		100,000
INTEREST & RENTS		439,290
OTHER REVENUES		1,570,550
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS		27,020
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		1,262,200
TOTAL REVENUES		18,055,800
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		967,658
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		19,023,458

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SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	2,019,000
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	300,000
TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND	200,690
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	2,519,690
REVENUES	2,933,064

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES	1,704,080
REVENUES	1,253,690
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	450,390
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,704,080

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	14,590,600
REVENUES	14,590,600

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER	1,563,920
REVENUES	1,565,950

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SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CEMETERY FUND	-
REVENUES	100

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION	305,006
REVENUES	362,370

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	111,700
REVENUES	98,990
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	12,710
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	111,700

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING	624,030
REVENUES	669,000

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	14,000
REVENUES	20,630

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SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fundon an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND	10,000
REVENUES	10,000

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION	1,398,163
REVENUES	1,425,130

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS	20,000
REVENUES	20,000

SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	220,750
REVENUES	220,850

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

9 1 1 FUND	144,120
REVENUES	156,000

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	208,160
REVENUES	100,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	108,160

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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	208,160

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	77,750
REVENUES	10,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	67,750
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	77,750

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	1,384,809
REVENUES	960,690
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	424,119
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,384,809

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Grant Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

Grant Special Revenue	1,238,620
REVENUES	2,477,260
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	(1,238,640)
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,238,620

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017B Court Building Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	1,040,938
REVENUES	450,500
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	590,438
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,040,938

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017A Ecorse/Vining Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	1,138,075

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REVENUES	1,118,190
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	19,885
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,138,075

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	200,690
REVENUES	200,680

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT SERVICE	400,000
REVENUES	95,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	305,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	400,000

SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

WATER DEBT SERVICE	60,000

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REVENUES	60,500

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Ecorse Construction & Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION	1,640,170
REVENUES	5,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	1,635,170
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,640,170

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION	24,000
REVENUES	100

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Belleville - Plymouth

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1st IS IT THE TRUTH?
2nd IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3rd WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP
4th WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?
Rotary Club of Belleville

Rotary Scholarship Committee chair and incoming club president Mary Jo Suchy, far right, congratulates recent scholarship winners Kylie Satterfield, left, Laura Montgomery, Kennedy Plummer, Avery Fields and Isaac Davis.

Rotary Club presents student scholarships

Members of the Rotary Club of Belleville awarded five, $5,000 scholarships to area high school graduates during the 77th Annual Scholarship Program of the club. The event took place May 24 at Belleville High School and was attended by school administrators, parents and family members along with the club members. Three Academic Scholarships went to Isaac Davis, Avery Fields and Kylie Satterfield. The Charles B. Cozadd Community Service Award for service to school and other students was awarded to Laura Montgomery and the Donald Juchartz Award for community service was presented to Kennedy Plummer.

During the meeting, Belleville Rotary Club President-Elect Mary Jo Suchy offered a welcome including an explanation of what Rotary is, and a summary of club activities helping individual citizens, communities and other charities in carrying on their work.

Each of the awardees thanked Rotary and spoke about their plans going forward and how the scholarships will assist them in reaching academic goals.

The meeting concluded with an inspirational talk by 34th District Judge Lisa Martin who drew on her experiences and provided insights which encouraged the graduates to take opportunities they will have in the future to both help people and learn about the world.

Following the presentations, Suchy, who also serves as Scholarship Committee Chair thanked all those in attendance, the scholarship committee and the other individuals whose work made the evening possible.

Since inception, Rotary Club of Belleville has awarded $612,500 to Belleville High School students from the club scholarship program. This year, as in recent years, the primary funding source for the program has been the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation which assists the club in the funding many of projects.

Granted

Plymouth library is awarded Bosch Community Fund grant

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library have been awarded a technology funding grant from the Bosch Community Fund. The grant will support exciting STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) learning tools, and hands-on STEAM experiences for the Plymouth community.

The first category of funding covers three online resources including: Continued funding for LinkedIn Learning, an online learning tool that supports high school students and adults in expanding their technology skills. Courses cover Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite, operating systems, coding languages, business skills, data analysis, cloud computing, server management and much more; the Creativebug database, which offers more than 1000 video classes in drawing, painting, sewing, quilting, knitting, jewelry making, and more - taught by the world's top artists, designers and crafters and Lerner Maker Lab, a database of hands-on projects, experiments, crafts, and recipes, geared toward elementary-age kids and featuring easy-to-follow projects with step-by-step instructions and images

A second category of funding supports exciting additions to the for-loan "library of things" including a Go-Pro camera and mount, a mini projector and screen, and a telescope, as well as fun hands-on science kits for kids. Also funded will be several new items for use in the Creative Lab - the library developing maker environment. Projected purchases include a laser cutter, sewing machines and a heat press.

"This grant enables incredible potential for growth and exploration in our community," said Shauna Anderson, library director.

"We are so excited to bring these great instructional and hands-on experiences to our patrons and we are so grateful to the Friends and to the Bosch Community Fund for being the driving force to make it happen!"

Library personnel will be purchasing and preparing these new tools over the coming months, Anderson said. For updates and introductions, patrons can watch the library website and social media or sign up for the e-newsletter at plymouthlibrary.org.

Sumpter trustee reminds board of Roberts' Rules

A heated exchange between Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman and a resident during the May 25 meeting prompted Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush to call for more order at meetings.

Rush told the board members and the audience that he felt the meeting were getting "sloppy."

"This board, like many others, adopted Robert's Rules of order," he said. "Those rules dictate that you ask the chair for permission to speak."

Rush said he felt it was inappropriate for people in the audience and on the board to be speaking at will without following the proper procedures.

Rush also expressed his displeasure with the conduct of resident Cory Blue who entered into a contentious argument with Bowman during the public comment portion of the agenda. Blue was critical of the manner the sale of township owned land was being sold and disputed the zoning and accessibility of a property adjacent to his. He and Bowman heatedly disagreed about the use of the property and the viability for building at the commercially zoned site.

"Anyone who comes to this board and thinks they are going to get a problem solved is mistaken," he said. "Make an appointment. Every member of this board is accommodating. I don't care if I have to come in on a Saturday.

"To come here and think you're going to get a problem solved is mistaken. This board adopted Roberts Rules of Order which means you need permission from whomever is the chair to speak," he added.

Rush reiterated his suggestion that those with concerns or problems call to make an appointment with officials to attempt to find an amicable resolution.

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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	23,900
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	24,000

SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	17,746,494
REVENUES	13,667,312
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	4,079,182
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	17,746,494

SECTION 29. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	2,274,570
REVENUES	1,661,390

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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	613,180
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,274,570

SECTION 30. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	892,450
REVENUES	711,650
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	180,800
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	892,450

SECTION 31. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	628,312
REVENUES	622,890
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	5,422
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	628,312

SECTION 32. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	2,278,752
REVENUES	2,365,240

SECTION 33. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	3,610
REVENUES	9,760

SECTION 34. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	763,872
REVENUES	525,680
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	238,192

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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	763,872

SECTION 35. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II	10,658,316
REVENUES	6,694,517
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	3,963,799
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	10,658,316

SECTION 36. Removed & voted separately by resolution of City Council

SECTION 37. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	10,558,465

SECTION 38. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 39. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063
P.A. 359 MILLAGE	0.0464
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500

Motion Carried Unanimously.
Res. #22-127 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve Section 36 of the General and Special Appropriations Act and appropriated expenditures therein for the 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as submitted by Mayor McCraight.

SECTION 36. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 34th District Court on an activity basis, the following:

34th DISTRICT COURT	420,000
REVENUES	2,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	418,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	420,000

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

That for the expenditures of the **34th District Court** and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, the following amount is hereby appropriated.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES $3,511,600

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth Nays - Abdo, Williams
Abstain - Webb **Motion Carried**

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - **A.** **Res. #22-128** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the 2022/2023 Fee Schedule for the City of Romulus, to be effective July 1, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **B.** **Res. #22-129** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of TA-2022-001; a proposed text amendment to Section 4.01 Statement of Purpose; Section 6.03, Requirements Applicable to Specific Uses; Section 11.01, Residential; Section s24.05, 24.14, 24.1a, 24.19, and 24.20, Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance. Motion Carried Unanimously
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
8. **Public Comment** - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
9. **Unfinished Business** - NONE
10. **New Business** - NONE
11. **Warrant**
    - **A.** **Res. #22-130** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve t Warrant #: 22-9 for checks presented in the amount of $737,956.18. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication** - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.
    Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 9, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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